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## Berkeley Stake Conference

Bishop Thorp Issaccson delivered one of the most powerful sermons ever heard at a stake conference when he met with the Berkeley stake quarterly conference November 13 and 14.

President W. Glenn Harmon in introducting Bishop Issaccson told how the bishop and his wife came to Berkeley over twenty years ago to attend the University of California, and that fifteen years were thereafter spent in school teaching as an athletic coach after which he entered the insurance business in which he has won national recognition.

"You members of the Church of Jesus Christ are as one among many," said Elder Issacson. "You cannot teach the Gospel of Jesus without the Spirit of God. What an influence you can be if you live the prayer life. If you lack wisdom ask God. Joseph Smith did this. 'Did you think to pray' may be asked continually

The nation has not grown spiritually. I am grateful for my old Danish grandfather who heard and believed the Message in his youth in his native land. His parents threatened to expell him if he continued to attend the Elders' meetings. But the testimony of Truth had come to Peter, and he couldn't refrain.

"When turned out of his own home by his father he came to Boston at age eighteen, then to Nauvoo, and eventually to Utah. He taught me the principal of prayer. As a boy I slept in his bedroom. If I came home, undressed and jumped into bed without praying, grandfather would stop me and call me to his bedside, and teach me to pray. Prayer is our most valuable habit, and greatest safeguard. Are we too busy to pray in the mornings? or in family prayers?

"Grandfather taught me the secret of business success. He never sowed his grain on the farm without asking God to bless it. Nor did he ever plant in the soil unless he had asked God to bless the soil. Do we have that spirit of prayer now? Be humble, be humble.

"Are we a praying people? How can we keep close to the Lord except through prayer? I have one son. I am glad he accepts the principle of prayer. One night he was up studying nearly all night before an examination. I went to his room to plead with him to retire. But I found him kneeling at his desk asking God to help him pass the tests.

"There is nothing wrong in praying over your business affairs.

"Of course you do wrong. We all do. But the Lord is our Father and He will forgive. We need to repeat and repeat our petitions. One lady said they were so busy at her home they could not have family prayer. They did not all have even breakfast together.

"My dear young people, I hope you will stay close to the Lord. Your dad loves you very much. He prays for you even when he is driving his car on trips away

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## Pasadena Has Big Excursion

A. Stanford Ash, chairman of Pasadena stake Genealogical committee ,and his co-workers are gratified with the success of the temple excursion sponsored by the stake November 19 and 20.

There were 210 persons participating in the excursion, with every ward in the stake represented. Of the 210, four went to the Mesa Temple and the rest went to the St. George Temple. Three busses and 20 private cars transported the group.

It is announced that 843 baptisms, 333 endowments, 84 sealings of married couples and 212 sealings of children to parents were accomplished.

Dr. Faun Hunsaker, counselor in the stake presidency, and J. Ray Blied of the Genealogical committee, led the group.—Inter-Mt. News.

## Sacramento Stake News

By RUTH OSTEGAR.

● The High Priests' Quorum of the Sacramento Stake recently honored its outgoing presidency, Mark W. Cram, Dr. Rulon Tillotson, Lloyd T. Oldham and Bro. Murray, with a social in the Sutter Ward Chapel. During the program of dancing and refreshments, these brethern were presented with tokens of appreciation. The new presidency is composed of Leo K. Homer, formerly of the High Council, president, Lamar Anderson and Richard W. Robinson, counselors, and Charles L. Alt, secretary.

● Olive picking will soon be under way at the High Priests' olive grove in Fair Oaks. They hope to furnish the church with a good supply of olive oil this winter.

● Sacramento Stake's new Welfare Building, about completed, will likely be dedicated soon. Over 20,000 cans of fruits and vegetables have been canned, completing our quota for the year. We feel that the building is one of the best in the Church. You are invited to visit it when in Sacramento.

● Presiding Bishop Legrande Richards, under whose direction Stake Conference was held in the Sutter Ward Chapel Dec. 4 and 5, also inspected various building sites, and the new Welfare Center, 4601 Henry Way, Sacramento.

## Alameda Chapel Ready By Xmas

The grand Alameda ward chapel will be finished by Christmas for the Christmas celebrations by the ward and the different organizations, and by the stake Special Interest New Year's Ball and entertainment.

All honor to the efforts of the Bishopric under the efficient and tireless leadership of Thys Winkel. All honor to the people of the ward. They have laid up treasures in heaven for their devotion to the Cause. All members of the east bay colony are specially invited to attend worship in Alameda some Sunday and to be shown around the chapel. Let the whole bay region rejoice at this new and beautiful house of worship for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mr. Theodore Ruegg is the architect as he is also for the Mission ward chapel now being built in San Francisco.

## Mission Ward's $160,000 Chapel

Mission ward, San Francisco stake, is about midway in the construction of her new $160,000 chapel at 26th street and Guerrero, we learn from our good friend, Mabel B. Liddell.

Under the kindly, devoted and efficient leadership of Bishop Wallace N. Allred, who has served the ward as bishop for nearly twenty years, Mission ward with a membership of between 400 and 500 has been able to undertake this large construction at this time of high costs only because of the fact that fully 70 per cent of the labor is being donated by the ward and stake members.

An illustration of this loyalty and devotion in the matter of free labor November 25, was indeed Thanksgiving day for Mission ward when 107 individuals donated labor on the chapel.

With such splendid spirit as this the bishopric has set as a tentative date for the completion of the structure April 1, 1949. Construction began Labor day, 1948.

When completed this white stucco chapel in true California Mission style architecture designed by Theodore Ruegg will seat 315 people in its chapel, and an additional 500 in the adjoining recreation hall. Fifteen classrooms are included, besides the Relief Society room and kitchen. Sufficient land behind the chapel will allow for a play space and barbecue pit.

Many members of this Mission ward came across the bay years ago to help build some of our easy bay chapels. Any brother who feels the urge to reciprocate will find a hearty spirit of brotherly appreciation awaiting him evenings or Saturdays by Mission ward members.

## Utah Land of Color

The state of Utah puts out beautiful free booklets for those who wish to write for them. One of the best of these is entitled, "Utah, Land of Color."

These are available from the Utah State Publicity Department, with quarters at 512 Atlas Building, Salt Lake City. Also available is a beautiful color-sound film under the caption, "Land of the Crimson Cliffs," featuring Southern Utah. This film has been shown in many other states by the geologists to University groups whence lavish praise comes back.

## Alameda Ward's Puts On Show Stunt

Alameda ward placed first in their outstanding act at the Oakland Stake Road Show, November 12, 1948, held before enthusiastic audiences in both Oakland and Elmhurst wards on the same evening, each act shuttling from one ward chapel to the other.

Shown in the picture, standing, left to right: Dick Stam, slave; Nyle Grow, dancing girl; Gene Boole, fan girl; Darlene Laird, dancing girl; seated, left to right: Nadine Goodman, dancing girl; Wally Seavers, maharajah; Joyce Hughes, harem girl.

Not shown in picture were: Marjorie Laird (foot showing at left), dancing girl; Gaylene Clayson and Delores Knowles (feet showing at right), entres; Tom Stam, Rex Baker, Gary Powel, slaves; John McKrey, fan boy. Viola Stam directed the act, "The Arabian Nights."

—photo by Ray E. Piercey.

## Stockton Notes

By W. AIRD MacDONALD.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Northern California Welfare Region was held in Stockton, Saturday, November 27, Regional Chairman, W. B. Mendenhall presiding. The welfare budget for 1949 represents a sizeable increase in production: canning to the Sacramento and Gridley stakes; wheat production to Reno, and the meat production to San Joaquin. Under the leadership of President Mendenhall, the beef production program is already under way with two carloads of steers now grazing as ward projects.

● Bishop Harry E. McClure of the Yuba City ward, Gridley Stake, reports that they expect to move into their new $100,000 chapel by Christmas. When completed it will be one of the most commodious chapels in California, with its 16 class rooms, chapel, recreation hall, lounge, Relief Society and Boy Scout rooms. It's rated as the finest public building in Yuba City-Marysville area. This edifice bespeaks the fine leadership of Bishop McClure and the devotion of his people.

● The Church moves on, and our church leaders keep pace with the times. Pres. E. Vaughn Abbott of the Reno Stake flew over to attend the Regional welfare meeting at Stockton, Nov. 27. He was home again shortly after dusk.

● A "Thanksgiving banquet," was tendered by the "Teen-Age" Fireside" group of the Stockton ward, to their parents recently. A program of real appreciation was presented during the sumptious banquet which the youngsters themselves had prepared. Such thoughtful youth made glad the hearts of parents.

● That the new San Joaquin stake is welfare minded is evidenced by the fact that the first building project is to be a Bishop's storehouse. Plans are already well advanced that will provide this new stake with the last word in welfare facilities.

● Richard A. Ricks has returned to Stockton after a two-year mission in Australia. He is the son of Ezra A. (of the stake High Council) and Venice R. Ricks, stake Relief Society president. He gave a very interesting report of his missionary experiences in the

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## Berkeley Stake News

● Dec. 12, Sunday at 2:30 Vallejo chapel, MIA Leadership meeting. Dale Nielsen of 1453 Alcatraz avenue, Berkeley, is secretary of the stake MI Aboard.

● December 10, 11—Two stake drama nights at 8 p.m. in Berkeley hall. Each ward of the stake has an act. The same program is repeated each night. It is recommended that wards in the Berkeley and Richmond areas come Friday night, and that the other wards of the stake make Saturday night their particular night. This is optional arrangement.

● Drive for the Era! Finest magazine in America! Send it to your friends and relatives for Christmas! Three wards now over the top. All can be 100 per cent by the deadline January 12, but let everyone help and go over the top in every ward before the holidays. No "after worries."

● Dec. 17. Stake Beehive party. 8:00 in Berkeley hall.

● Dec. 25. Christmas night. Stake M Men and Gleaners' Christmas dance. Orchestra, refreshments, special numbers. All cordially invited.

● Dec. 29. (Notice change of date from that on calendar). Junior M Men and Junior Girls' Holiday party, Berkeley hall. Orchestra, refreshments, and fun for all. Make arrangements now for you and your group to be there.

● Feb. 4. Berkeley stake Sweetheart ball. More details later.

**GENEALOGICAL.**

The Mesa Temple Excursion is on everyone's tongue, it seems. A good attendance is assured by the names handed in so far. Register with your ward general com-

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## Oakland Stake

**BUDGET CARDS TO BE ISSUED**

Budget cards with a calender of events on the back are off the press and are being distributed by the Bishops of each ward. Admission to budget events in the wards and stake will be by presentation of this card. Any member holding a card may bring guests provided he presents his guests at the door.

Quoting from the budget recommendations from Salt Lake, "Admission to ward and stake recreational events is to be by special invitation, insofar as those not holding regular budget tickets are concerned. The budget plan is the established policy of the church. Its primary purpose is to raise funds to pay stake and ward operation expenses, the accounts of the auxiliary organizations, and the recreational program."

Please cooperate with your Bishops. If you have not received an estimate of your share, volunteer your contribution. It is hoped that through this plan, recreational programs will be of the highest type exemplifying ideals for which the Church stands.

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**STAKE AND WARD OFFICERS TO BE GUESTS**

On Friday, Dec. 10, a mammoth party will be given for all Stake and Ward officers in Oakland Stake. The event, sponsored by the stake Special Interest Group, will feature many varieties of entertainment and will try to satisfy the desires of everyone. If you are a stake or ward officer, be sure to reserve this all-important date.

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**STAKE EXPLORERS AND JUNIOR GIRLS**

"Marriage, the Promise of Eternal Happiness" will be theme of a joint Explorer-Junior Girl meeting, Friday, Dec. 10, in the Dimond ward chapel. Courtship and marriage counselor for this important meeting will be Sister C. W. Nalder of San Francisco, who has won a great following of young men and young women.

All young men and young women, 15, 16 and 17 years of age are urged to attend this stake meeting, especially since committees for the Prom in January, will be formed that evening.

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**WELFARE BUDGET**

One of the biggest welfare budgets that Oakland Stake has ever been requested to furnish is asked for next year, Stake President Eugene Hilton told members of the Melchizedek priesthood at their regular monthly meting November 28 in the Dimond ward chapel. Still he expressed optimism about meeting this welfare request. He believes that with the cannery in operation and the man-

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## OAKLAND STAKE ROOTERS NEEDED FOR BASKETBALL

Hey—all you rooters! Here is your chance to help your team on to victory. The M Men of your ward are playing the M Men of another ward next Wednesday—and this is true no matter when you read this with the exception of the Xmas week. Every Wednesday night at the Westlake Gymnasium on 26th and Harrison, three games will be played—and all teams will be from wards in Oakland Stake. The game times are 6:45 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 9:15 p.m. Check with your local team to see what time it plays.

Two complete round robins will extend the lague play until the middle of February. The winning team will be given a trophy. The winning church eligible team (living up to all the rules of the M Men Basketball rules) will then compete in the division playoffs. The winner of the division meet then goes to Salt Lake City to participate in all church tournament.

Find out when your team plays and cheer them on to victory. Let's even hear some team yells and songs!

Oakland Stake M Men are also eligible (and as they play against each other they are also competing) for places in Oakland's Recreation Department's Industrial League.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

## Berkeley Stake Welfare Budget

Sunday, December 5, the Berkeley stake welfare committee announced the Welfare budget for the coming year as $12,111. This sum is to be divided approximately as $5935 in cash and $6176 in commodities produced by the wards.

Dividing the budget among the wards according to population, Berkeley First ward is assigned with Claremont, half and half, raising 337 100-pound sacks of 1800 pounds dried beans; Pittspotatoes; Berkeley Second ward, burg and Martinez 4158 pounds fresh fruits; Vallejo and Carquinez, 8000 pounds canned vegetables and vegetable juices; Martinez and Walnut Creek 250 cases canned fruit.

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In lieu of the stakes production of things non-producable here, as dairy, poultry, and fish the stake wil lraise $5100 cash. Another $700 to $800 will be raised in cash for the purchase of the sewing materials required in the Relief Society budget assignment which was made Sunday also.

Discussion was conducted on the possible permanent projects locations for the wards in order for them to furnish their assignments above mentioned. Napa obtain her acreage soon.

The Welfare Building in San Pablo has the walls half up now and if the labor turn-out is good the walls should be completed by about the 20 to 25 of this month, and the whole building completed by early next spring.

The brethren are asked to turn out Saturdays, a.m. and p.m. Lunch is served by the ladies of the various wards in turn. Wards are reminded of the necessity of holding weekly welfare meetings.


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## Oakland Stake Halloween Party

Shown in the picture is a happy band of merrymakers at the successful Oakland Stake Halloween party, October 29, 1948, held in Elmhurst chapel for a jolly group of 250 or more. Decorations, costumes, added to the spirit of the occasion. Left to right in foreground: Roberta Sorensen, Jay Sorensen, Bernie Adams, and Ernest Adams.

—Photo by Ray W. Piercey.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST REGARDING ADVERTISERS ON THIS PAGE OF THE MESSENGER.

● Dr. Reuber L. Knight, dentist, came to California from Wasatch county, Utah, with his brother, Dr. Ray L. Knight of Berkeley to study dentistry. They and their families have been active in the Church and in their profession for many years in the East Bay region.

● A. W. Sorensen, building contractor of Berkeley, came here from Utah. He has just completed a lovely, expensive home in Berkeley for the owner.

● Jack Vickers of the Service Barber Shop, altho not a member of the Church, has carried an ad in the Messenger for the past three years.

● Refinoil Motor Oil is a business built up by Don C. Wood & Sons on San Pablo avenue, Berkeley. He uses a patented process for reconditioning used oil, making it better than at first, though at half price ;true by test, strange as it seems.

● Fred F. Starratt, optometrist, though not a member ,is a fine friend of many members and has patronized the Messenger liberally.

● Ed Barrett ,proprietor of a thriving pest control business, operates as called through the bay area. A graduate of Utah A. C., he is the head of a very active LDS family in Berkeley second ward.

## Liahona Club News

The Liahona in its regular November meeting in the Coit hotel, voted to send five dollars to each son or daughter of a member of the club for Christmas.

Officers for the coming year were nominated as follows:

President: Heber Brown, Curt Bybee, A. D. Erickson, Vinal Mauss and Tom Ferguson; vice-president in charge of membership: Curt Bybee, Dave Chamberlain, Jos. C. Eyring, Douglas Ream, Reuben L. Knight, Ira Call; for vice president in charge of programs: Douglas Ream Don Allphin, Art Bliss and Curt Millward; secretary: Earl Caldwell, Oren Yorgensen, I. B. Ball and Marion Caldwell; treasurer: Dave Chamberlain, A. B. Graham, Art Bliss and Charles Mills.

The next meeting of the club will be the annual social with the ladies, December 27. Curt Bybee is chairman of the affair with Curt Millward and Don C. Wood.

## Richmond Ward

The gala ward talent festival will be held Friday, December 10. Beginning at 6 p.m. with dinner, everyone will have a chance to display and sell the products of their talents.

President Harmon will act as auctioneer to help in the sale and fun. A big show also will add to the fun. Benefits will go to the stake building program.

The Relief Society announces that their Christmas party will be held Wednesday, December 22, at 1:30 p.m. Immediately following this party, the Primary will hold their happy party, having lots of surprises and fun for the children.

The conjoint Mutuals of East Richmond and Richmond wards have many plans for December, including the Christmas dance and party scheduled for Tuesday, December 21. Rich surprises are promised. Then there is the thrilling New Year's eve watch party.

December 14, comes the sound movie, "The Telephone Hour," an excellent musical program.

Wednesday, November 24, some of the workers in the MIA, who have worked with Peter and Avis Gengler in their helpful years in Mutual work, gave them a surprise party. Fun and good feeling.

December 5 saw the first session of our new, separate Junior Sunday school. Parents are urged to bring their children to enjoy their own Sunday school. It is an inspiration to see.


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## Berkeley

SECOND WARD

The First and Second Berkeley Wards will meet jointly for the Christmas program on December 19. Special Christmas music is being arranged by the First Ward Choir under the directoin of Bill Richards. Brother Frank Parsons will read the Christmas message from the Bible and the Book of Mormon. This program will no doubt be a great inspiration to us all; so don't miss it.

The Visiting Teachers of the Relief Societies of both wards were honored at a luncheon last Monday in Berkeley Ward. Another party for the members of both Relief Societies will be held next Thursday morning at 10:00. Dorothy Stone and Margaret Fife will give the literary lesson. Every Thursday night the Second Ward Relief Society is furnishing refreshments at the Welfare Project.

The Mutual Stake Road Show will be held in Berkeley Ward December 10 and 11. Out of Berkeley members are particularly encouraged to come the first evening and other members, the second evening. Skits from each of the different wards in the Stake will be repeated each evening.

Howard Ruff is now conducting the choir for the second Ward which is now fully organized, Glenn Spencer, president, and Anna Lee Spencer, secretary. Choir practice is held each Thursday evening at 7:30 o'colck. Anyone who is interested will be welcome to join. A special Christmas program will be given on December 25.

The funeral for brother John O. Carlston was held last Wednesday at the Little Chapel of the Flowers. He is survived by his widow.


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## Oakland Stake Activity Calendar

Dec. 10—Stake Special Interest Frolic for Stake and Ward Officers.
Dec.11—Maxwell Park Building Fund 3-Act Play.
Dec. 11—380th Quorum of Seventies Meeting.
Dec. 18—Hayward Ward Holiday Dance.
Dec. 18—247th Quorum of Seventies Meeting.
Dec. 25—Stake Christmas Formal for M Men and Gleaners (non-budget).
Dec. 31—Stake New Year's Eve Dance with Orchesra at Hayward Ward.
Jan. 8—380th Quorum of Seventies Meeting.
Jan. 12—Maxwell Park Building Fund Event.
Jan 14—Stake Explorer-Junior Girl Winter Prom.
Jan 15—347th Quorum of Seventies Meeting.
Jan. 28—Stake M Men and Gleaner Disc Dance.
Feb. 3—Stake High Primary Meeting.
Feb. 11—Stake Sweethearts Ball with Orchestra.
Feb. 12—Stake Beehive Valentine Party.

## Elmhurst Ward

The debate held at Mutual on November 16 proved to be very interesting. The subject chosen was "Do women administer in public offices as well as men?" Although we can't say exactly who won it did prove a lot of facts. We are expecting to have more entertainement like this in the mutual so we hope to see many new and familiar faces in the future.

Elmhurst didn't win their first basketball game but we know that they'll win in the rest of the games to follow. We need more rooters at the games; so, you fans who don't have transportation, get in touch with Pete Brown and he will take care of a way for you.

The farewell of Ross Wilson, who is to labor in the Canadian Mission was held on November 30 at Elmhurst ward. The Fireside gave Ross a "surprise" party on November 27, at the home of Joyce and Marilyn Nelson, presenting him with a book.

The Fireside of Elmhurst has been separated into two groups: One will meet in the Relief Society room under the leadership of Bishop Glenn Shaw, ages 14 to 16; the other group, called the M Men and Gleaners Fireside under the directino of Pete and Lucille Brown, meets at members' homes. The M Men and Gleaners' group, inviting new members, will feature programs from the Improvement Era. The newly elected officers are: Doris Jacobs, president; Ellen Tanner, vice-president; Shirley Koverick, secretary; Dan Gashler, treasurer. A snow trip is being planned; the date is indefinite at the moment.

We thank Fern Nelson, our drama director, and the other participants in the road show for their hard work in the interesting act they put on for Elmhurst.

The M Men and Gleaners of the MIA and the Fireside recently gave a surprise party for our former Fireside leader, I. Ray Darton, after Mutual. "The Big Fisherman," by Douglas, was the gift to Bro. Darton. Refreshments were served and games played.

Congratulations are in order for the Richard Murphys (she is the former Jean Bates), who are the proud parents of a baby girl born early in November.

The members of Elmhurst Ward extend a hearty welcome to new members of our ward: The Schultz family from Nevada. Their daughter, Geraldine, was baptized here November 6; also the Robbins family from Maxwell Park Ward.

The Youth Choir which meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 in the chapel, would like to see more members. It is led by the Bishop. New music has been acquired.

We are glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berriman (the former Zola Sutton) and their new little son in Sunday School, Fast Sunday. Their son was blessed.

All those wishing to send cards or letters to the missionaries may obtain their addresses from the Bishop. Four missionaries now are in the field: Jim MacFarland, Gerald Smith, Gwenn Muir and Ross Wilson.—Raellen Reynolds, 8802 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland 3, Calif. SWeetwood 8-6892.

## L. D. S. Teaching Asst. Univ. California At Davis

George Ellsworth, of Oakland ward, is a teaching assistant in United States history survey courses at Davis, California, the agricultural branch of University of California. He commutes to Davis two days each week.

A graduate of the Agricultural College at Logan, Utah, and a graduate student at the BYU in Provo, Utah. and now at "Cal," Bro. Ellsworth has taken his master's degree and is progressing towards his doctorate.

The topic of his Master's thesis concerns the History of the Church's Missionary Activities up to 1848. For his doctor's thesis he will expand this theme; those who have become familiar with the thesis as far as now written declare it of the utmost importance It is hoped that the expanded document will eventually be available in book form.

## Berkeley Ward

FIRST WARD

On Noveber 12 the outgoing bishopric was given a reception by the members of Berkeley first and second wards. There was a program in the chapel followed by dancing in the amusement hall to the music of Bud Stone's orchestra. The wives of the outgoing bishopric were adorned with lovely vanda orchid corsages.

Sister Wanda Harmon was the gracious hostess for the Daughter of the Pioneers. The lesson was given by Sister Holmes and plans were discussed for the raising of funds for the Memorial Building Fund, the building is to be erected in Salt Lake City. On December 9, it is announced, there is to be a Centennial Tea given by the Alameda County Company in the Oakland chapel, the time: 1:00 to 4:00. The program will center around the poems of Ina Collbrith, who is honored as the late poet laureate of California. Her poems will be read by Ruth Hilton. The purpose of the tea will be to raise funds for the Memorial Building fund.

With Christmas close at hand, December 13 will see Sister Maybell Anderson of 899 Arlington, the hostess of the Daughter of the Pioneers Christmas luncheon. This luncheon will be given for all members and eligible ones; please come.

The MIA was the audience of the drama department on November 23, when a food-for-thought radio play was presented. This play was entitled "The Question" and made us realize just why we should be thankful to be alive in these last days.

A luncheon for the visiting teachers of the Relief Society was given November 19, by members of the first and second wards. It was served in the Berkeley ward chapel; everyone enjoying the lunch and program. Helen Clovis played a piano solo and Sisters Gold and Ditlacker presented the lesson.

The Berkeley Fireside is to present the Stake MIA Christmas dance in Berkeley ward on Christmas evening. The theme is still secret but the promises are big.

December 17, the Bee Hive Girls are having their Christmas party in the amusement hall of Berkeley ward. They will play games and have Santa as their guest of honor. Each girl is to bring a small gift, not costing more than 25 cents.

December 29, the Junior M Men and Junior Girls are having their party. It will be a gala affair and all are invited to attend.

The Stake MIA Drama convention is to be held December 10 and 11, Berkeley ward is to be their guest on the eleventh, but all are invited whenever they wish to attend. There will be different selections by each ward in the stake.

## Walnut Crk. News

Mr. and Mrs. C. Eggan and family will be moving to Sacramento in the near future. They have been active in Branch affairs and have made many friends in Walnut Creek. They will be greatly missed. We wish them joy and success. Brother Eggen is in the county agricultural work in another county.

Mr. and Mrs. Knneth Everett and family also are leaving our branch the first of January. Alice and the family will stay with her parents in Ogden while Kenneth travels with the professional golfers. Alice's cousin, and Brother George Snyder, of Ogden, who is tour chairman of the Professional Golfers' association, will be in the party with Kenneth traveling by auto over the nation to the various professional golf tournaments from Los Angeles, through the deep South to Miami, up the Atlantic states to New York, across the northern part of the United States to Reno which will be reached next September.

Kenneth's work will consist of maintaining the score board and handling the schedule at all these tournaments. Kenneth is Branch clerk, organist, teacher of the senior Gospel Doctrine class, assistant chorister in Walnut Creek, and also sings in the Mormon Male Chorus. Will he be missed! Indeed he will, as also will Alice who is president of the Branch Primary. Every good wish to Kenneth and Alice.

We are sorry to hear that Sister Chamberlain has been ill, and we look for her speedy recovery . . . . Our new S. S. superintendency is proving very efficient: T. J. Curtis is superintendent; with David Clayton and Jay Curtis, counselors.

Mrs. Leland Byers gave birth to a baby girl November 22—name, Merrie -Lynn. Sis. Byers' parents are in Walnut Creek, visiting from Colorado . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph White welcomed a Thanksgiving baby November 25 and they named it Joseph Brent.


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## Fairfield Branch

All Fairfield branch members seemed happy to meet again in Sunday school and sacrament services after the stake conference in Berkeley one Sunday and a ward conference in Napa the following week.

Prior to conference Sunday, the Relief Society held their annual bazaar and food sale, thus netting a tidy sum to be used in furthering Relief Society work. Pres. Dorothy Blaisdell, her fine counselors, LaVon Allen and Faye Garrido, and all the members deserve a vote of thanks for their efforts.

A welcome guest in our midst during the Thanksgiving holidays was Sister Etta Rasmussen who recently completed a full-time mission in California. Sister Rasmussen became known and loved while she, and other missionaries, labored here on the Ashland directory. Sister Rasmussen is a Salt Lake City girl and she returned to her home and family there.

On the evening of ward conference in Napa, Fairfield Fireside members were guests of the Napa group in the home of Brother and Sister Elmer Olive. The following Sunday 13 young "Firesiders" from Napa visited the Fairfield meeting.

President Horace Owen and his counselors, Orlin Oliver and Alden Blaisdell, have made arrangements to re-organize the Primary association which has been inactive for nearly a year. Sister Marie Pinkerton has consented to serve as president and she is choosing her counselors and teachers. The first meeting, a social affair, is scheduled for December 8, and will be held in the IOOF building, Suisun. We also hope to get our MIA organized by the first of the year.

We are all grateful to the bishopric of Napa ward, with which we are affiliated, for their wonderful help and cooperation; however, we feel that we are large enough in number to function independently of the ward and are looking forward to becoming an independent branch.

—Local Saints who had parts as "extras" in the Suisun-filmed movie, "All the King's Men," were: Marie Pinkerton, Grant and Mary Bleazard, Sandra Campbell and Opal Oliver and her children, Richard, Freddie, Charlotte and three-weeks-old Robert John. The Olivers' home was the home of the "hero" and the Oliver children were part of the "hero's" family. The Courier building, where the Messenger is published each month, took on a new name during the filming. In the picture it will be shown as the "Kanoma County Courthouse"

—Maxine Campbell, Phone Suisun 4.

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● LeRoy W. Clovis is a painter and house decorator. Everybody knows Helen, his piano playing wife, and Roy, the clever entertainer in song, vaudeville stunts, etc. Helen converted Roy after marrying him. Helen's grandmother accepted the Gospel against great opposition in New York City about 1900. Helen's father is Frank Blair, Claremont ward.

● Allan C. Woolley, general contractor, is one of the Woolleys from Utah. Pres. J. Reuben Clark is a Woolley on his mother's side. Allan C. and his fine wife have been "wheel horses" in Napa ward for many years. Allan is a talented builder.

● Charles M. Maurer is another of our fine LDS builders. He was a well known contractor in Salt Lake City, and now, with his son-in-law, Leonard Lyons, is doing great work in East Oakland and the Walnut Creek area. His operations include the Claude C. Lindsay pre-built homes, a very large LDS-owned business centering in San Francisco but operating over much of Northern California.

● Jos. C. Eyring, realtor and member of the Berkeley high council, runs an office in Berkeley having some half dozen salesmen and the famous "Realteria," the cafeteria system of real estate where you select your own home from great displays.

● Dr. Kenneth R. Krey is one of our capable, highly skilled dentists. He is from Ogden and a member of the Maxwell Park ward. Several other Kreys are members of the East Bay colony.

● McHaffie's drug store is a fixture on Vine near the Berkeley chapel. He has always advertised in the Messenger, thought not a member.

● North Berkeley Grocery has advertised with the Messenger though not members. Their store is near the Berkeley chapel. Many members are customers.

● The Marchant Rug Company, with Martin Kludjian manager, has done rug and carpet cleaning and reconditioning for some wards and many members. Though not a member he is very friendly and reliable.

● Brother Manton M. Moody of Maxwell Park ward has been a great Church worker for many years in the East Bay where he and his late lamented brother, Von, built up a large operation in trailer lot and trailer sales, and now is proprietor of the beautiful Hillcrest Motel on MacArthur in Dimond ward.

● Harold R. Jensen is so widely and favorably known as our LDS insurance broker at 910 Hearst Building, San Francisco, that few have not come to know his name. A convert in San Francisco he and his grand wife and family have been stalwarts of the Work over the years. Dennis L. Lauper of Dimond ward is associated with Harold in the east bay.

## NEWS NOTES

● Dr. Richard A. Allphin announces the opening of offices as a graduate optometrist November 15 at 5752 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland. We think this is the first LDS in this profession in the East Bay.

This fine young man is the son of Don J. Allphin, well known as Oakland jeweler, and as the president of the High Priests' Quorum in Oakland stake, where he has served also as member of the High Council. Richard has served as member of the M. P. ward bishopric, but now is living in Richmond and has been completing his work for the doctor's degree in this highly skilled field. He served a term in the Spanish-American mission.

Lawrence Allphin, another son of Don J., is in the jewelry business with his father. This store is about one block distant from Richard's offices, in East Oakland.

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● Donna Lee Wall, Oakland ward, has received the Senior certificate in music from the music department of the College of the Holy Names. Donna will be remembered for her rare talent as a violinist which she utilizes so freely on ward and stake programs. The above mentioned college presented Donna in a special recital together with the College Choir, Sunday, November 21, in the College Auditorium, Webster at 19th Street, Oakland. Her playing was beyond praise, masterful and with great feeling. Every success to Donna.

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● The printing shop of Bro. and Sis. Ray E. Campbell in Suisun, the fine and large shop which prints the Messenger monthly, is in the heart of the making of a motion picture, "All the King's Men," by Columbia Pictures Corporation. The shop will be used as part of the locale. In their weekly paper, the Campbells carried an ad by the Columbia Pictures Corp., asking for 300 men and women, ages 19-60 years, to apply for work in making the new picture at the pay of $10.00 per day. The editor hopes to see some of this activity at the time of putting this issue on the press. The cast of this picture will later spend 28 days on location in and about Stockton.

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## Maxwell Pk. Ward

Our annual bazaar was a big success, helping both the ward budget and the building fund. The Relief Society reports all their handiwork was sold, as well as the home cooking. Those who purchased seemed well satisfied. The Sunday school served a delicious dinner upstairs before the fun began in the lower hall. We are looking forward to another successful project of this kind next year.

A unique chain dinner was held Saturday, November 27. Six of the couples in the ward cooked dinner in their own homes and invited two couples to each dinner. The couples paid $1.50 per person, the hostess furnishing the dinner and the building fund getting $6 from each dinner. During the next week the two couples who were the guests, become the host and hostess, in entertaining an additional two couples. It's lots of fun and we hope thus to swell our building fund. Please cooperate; if you have not been asked to dinner, please contact Margaret Wright, chairman, KE 3-4323.

Gerry Larsen has taken over the Junior Sunday school with Winnie Martin and Joyce Briscoe as new teachers. Bring your children each Sunday morning. They gain much from the lessons and the play activities outlined for them in the Junior Sunday school.

Mary and Curt Bybee are the proud parents of a new son, born November 17, and named Ronald Arley.

Those of you who knew Jean Krage Sweeton, will be happy to know that she and George have a lovely baby daughter, Barbara Jean. The maternal grandmother, Bessie Krage, returned from Idaho and reports that both mother and baby are getting along fine.

We are glad that Brother and Sister Earl are feeling better and are able to meet with us again. We hope they will continue to improve in health and meet with us often.

Santa Claus is going to come and see all the good little boys and girls in Maxwell Park ward on December 21, at the ward party. Boys and girls, bring your mother and daddy and come to see Santa Claus.

As the holiday season draws near, we take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope all will have the true Christmas spirit in your hearts and remember to worship with us our Saviour who gives us the true meaning of Christmas.

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## Stockton Notes

"land down under" at last Sunday's sacrament service. He served as mission secretary and district president of the Perth district in West Australia. The amazing personal development of this stalwart young missionary has proven an inspiration to the young folks of the ward, many of whom have now expressed their desire to go on a mission.

● Two young men of Stockton ward have received mission calls recently. Ted Shumway, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallis L. Shumway (of the High Council) has been called to the Uruguay Mission in South America, and will leave early in the Spring. Ted is a student at the College of the Pacific, majoring in law. He was born in Phoenix, Arizona, has grown up in Stockton, and has been very active in Church affairs.

● Dale Pearson will leave in February for the Central Atlantic States Mission. He is the brother of Clyde Pearson, local Scout executive, and a son of the late former bishop of Balboa ward in San Francisco, where he was born and reared. Since coming to Stockton a year ago he has been popular in Church activities.

● Plans are being made for missionary farewell parties for both these young men prior to their departure.

● Mr. and Mrs. Golden K. Driggs and family have returned from week-end auto trip to Phoenix, Arizona, for the Thanksgiving holiday. They visited with friends and relatives in Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa, and report the trip across the desert at night was most delightful.

● Mr. and Mrs. J. Hobson Kidd gave a wedding reception Monday night, November 22, to the entire Stockton ward in honor of their daughter, Marcella, following her marriage in the Salt Lake Temple to LaMarr Poulton of Salt Lake City. Marcella, the popular "queen of the ward" returned from the Eastern States Mission last July. In September she went to Provo to attend the BYU but the pleasant missionary associations proved too strong, so she wed her "district president" two weeks ago. The young couple will make their home in Salt Lake where the groom is attending the University of Utah.

● Albert W. Guyman and family, formerly of Martinez ward, recently moved to Stockton from Idaho. Elder Guymon was quickly put to work and is doing a fine job as adult Aaronic leader in the Stockton ward.

● Bishop Cleone C. Forsyth, the popular leader of the Stockton ward, is a former member of the Alameda ward, where he and his family lived for three years. Another Oakland stake family now in Stockton, is the Wray C. Pecks from Elmhurst. They are active in the stake genealogy group.

Editor's Note: Our beloved W. Aird states in accompanilg letter, that Nelle's health is much better; that Keith and Clyde (from Oakland and San Francisco) were in Stockton for Thanksgiving with their young families. He adds that the new San Joaquin Stake (2000 members in four wards and two branches in three counties) is "going fine and forging right ahead," all united in enthusiasm and spirit behind a vigorous and forward-looking presidency.

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Knute Torgersen of the East Bay Typewriter Co., of Oakland, is an active member of Dimond Ward. He learned the business from Brother McAllister, known as "The Typewriter Doctor," (see page 7), who is now his friendly competitor.

● Don C. Wood, former bishop of Claremont Ward, is one of the most active sectors of humanity on the face of the earth. Here we will take space only to say that he has made himself famous as one of Beneficial's leading producers, member of the "million dollar club," and proud possessor of the degree "C. L. U" a real distinction in life insurance.

● Elmer Harker, well known contractor and builder, member of Claremont Ward, has constructed many fine dwellings and other structures in the East Bay. He and his talented wife and daughter, now a fulltime missionary, have been towers of strength to the local Church units.

● Vinal G. Mauss has made himself so useful and friendly, together with his musically talented wife, Ethel, that there are few who don't know him in life in the bay area, and many will come under his direction eventually, thought they may put it off to the very last. He is vice president of the Colonial Mortuary, Oakland.

● Jenny and Earl Caldwell, beautician and barber, respectively, of Oakland Ward, are part of that active group of L.D.S. business people to be found on Telegraph avenue between 40th and 45th streets, Oakland. Remember, everybody, they need your heads in their business.

● "Charlie" Mills, proprietor of the Telegraph Avenue Sewing Machine shop, knows more about fixing and selling these things than most women ever dreamed. He services for Sears, also. Fine man and real brother.

● Oaks Variety Store on Solano avenue, Berkeley, is worth a visit if only for the cordial personalities of Earl and Roxy Peters, members of Berkeley first ward. Don't forget, they have everything for Christmas in one of the hugest stores on the avenue. They carry also LDS supplise for men and women.

● Moody Brothers conduct the Brookside Trailer Court and sales lot in far East Oakland, and a sales lot for trailers in El Cerrito on San Pablo. It is fun to take their number with you just to see if you can spot the place and learn where one more LDS is carrying on a fine business.

● Houston's (he is of Alameda Ward, we think), is one of the largest and most active linoleum, appliance, and furniture stores for miles around; his location is at Telegraph and 42nd street. They laid our linoleum, and it is a perfect job today as when laid. Again, it is interesting to note that he is one of that numerous group of LDS businesses on Telegraph, between 40th and 45th streets.

● The Hardware Center in Napa is a really thriving business, carried on by Bishop Reed W. Keller, his first counselor, Rex L. Bridges, and, I think, one other partner. They are plumbers, and besides conduct a complete hardware center.

## Alameda Ward

A special interest work party was held at the Alameda Chapel, Saturday, Nov. 13. Everybody worked from 6 to 8 after which the Alameda Road Show act was presented followed by a delicious dinner of chili and apple pie.

From the BYU Jerry Crandall and Gordy Christensen visited their folks and friends Thanksgiving time.

Thursday, December 2, was the first big gala event to be held in the Alameda chapel. A delicious dinner and an evening of entertainment was presented to add to the building fund, and also to bring us closer together in the near realization of our goal.

November 28 the Alameda ward Fireside group presented the Sacrament service program under the direction of Fireside president Lola Stam. Taking part for the first time was the Alameda ward choir.

A Junior Sunday school will be initiated when we are settled in the new chapel. Alice Smidley will be the superintendent of this valuable adjunct to our Sunday school. Parents will be pleased to have their children enjoy their own school fitted to their fuller comprehension.

Thanks is extended to all the good members who helped in any way in our successful rummage sale.

The marriage of Vanitta Anderson and S. K. Mortensen was solemnized November 21 at the home of Bishop Winkel who also performed the ceremony. The Aggregate club held a party and reception for the couple November 28.

Elden Beebe attended the funeral of his mother in San Diego recently. She was president of the Relief Society in her ward there.

Gaylene Clayson has been appointed by the bishopric to serve as ward Messenger reporter in place of Mildred Morgan who has so efficiently carried on. This is Gaylene's first month. Furnish all ward news to Gaylene Clayson, LA 3-2961.

## Claremont Ward

David Wright Stoddard is the youngest member of our ward, having arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stoddard on November 8, the first and only boy in the family. He found a most hearty welcome from mother, father, and three sisters. Welcome to Claremont, too, David.

Margaret Ahlborn and Hildred Bliss are home again after spending a week or so in the hospital for major operations. We are happy to report that both Margaret and Hildred are making good progress on the road to recovery. Glad to have them with us again.

We regret the passing of Pauline Soper recently. We wish to express our heart felt sympathy to the family and friends of Sister Soper.

Mrs. Joseph E. Millward, mother of Curtis, Selden, William and Van Millward, spent Thanksgiving in Berkeley with her four sons and their families. She was a visitor in our ward while here and was happy to see so many friends whom she had known for many years.

May Johnson Audeliar was baptized a member of the Church on December 4. Congratulations May.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harker and family have recently moved into their new home which, we hope, is within the boundary lines of Claremont ward.

A lovely welcome home party was held for Cleone Rogers November 30, in the chapel. Cleone has completed two missions, the last one in Mexico.

—Grace Millward.

## Hayward Ward

—Bro. and Sis. Owen Stewart had the privilege of going to the Salt Lake Temple to see their son, Stanley and his bride of a year solemnize their marriage for eternity. Caroline is a convert of Sacramento where they met at the Junior College where Stanley is an instructor.

The apron and overall dance February 23 was a huge success. . . Hayward ward welcomes Bro. and Sis. Smith from Palo Alto where Bro. Smith was in the stake presidency. Their home is in San Lorenzo village.

A surprise party was held for Patsy Starks in the home of her parents on Nov. 15. Patsy is now sweet sixteen. . . . Bro. Torgebson of the S. S. superintendency is moving to Glendale where his work calls him.

Merle and Neva Stanfield of Harmony Hills, the LDS cooperate colony near San Juan Batista, returned to Hayward recently for a short visit. . . . A wedding reception was held in the chapel Nov. 17 for Dick and Marjorie Nelson who were married in the Logan Temple.

For Thanksgiving many of the warders were away: The Jim Eldridges to Los Angeles; the Leon Whites to Arizona; the Ross McClellans to Los Angeles, and also the Ben Lamkins to Los Angeles. Ben's mother came back with them. Bro. and Sis. Wm. Ream have returned to Hayward for the winter.

Maurice and Ines McFadden with their five little boys have moved into their new home. Nice going. . . Elmer Mallory and wife just returned from the Salt Lake and Idaho Falls temples where they did the endowments for 15 of the kindred dead.

Forty-two men and boys turned out Saturday to work on the beautification of the Chapel grounds. Lunch was served by Sisters Starks, Webb, Bodily and Starkweather, with some girls assisting.

Walter Barney has returned home after working four months in the Redwoods around Stewart's Point. He was instrumental in converting one woman, and in interesting the missionaries in the Indian population there. The work looks very promising.

A girl's chorus is to be organized for all girls between 12 and 21, with Sister Rencher as chorister and Aura Kirk as pianist. . . . Scout leader Frank Webb has been working hard to prepare his boys to pass the first class Scout requirements. A Court of Honor was held in MIA with seven boys receiving pins for second class work.

The monthly Elders' party was held on the 19th. . . . Relief Society has been participating in hobbies: wall plaques, shell jewelry, aprons, suffed animals, crocheted comfy socks. Carrot puddings were made and sold for Thanksgiving, the demand being such that more will be made for Christmas. Better place your orders now.

A little Dan Burbank and his twin sister were born 28 years ago. Now Danny has been two years in the Hayward bishopric. Marrying Dorothy Andrus before the war, he spent three years in Italy, becoming a second lieutenant. Two children now bless their home, Dan and baby sister, Susan Elaine, born November 14. Bro. Burbank is now a reserve officer.

Dr. Leo J. Parry says that one of his iron rules is, "Never do for another that which he will not do for himself."


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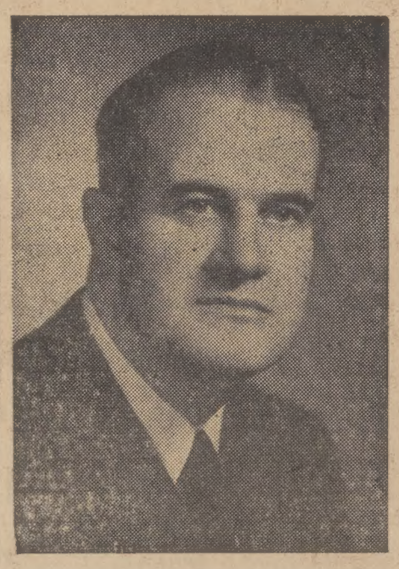
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## Berk. State News

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mittee now. Don't delay. Must know ahead in order to seek for best busses, and engage accomodations in Mesa at favorable rates. Don't delay. Register in wards now. Wards let Bro. Ball know each week the totals. A number of young people are going in order to do baptism work for their dead. More are invited to go at this Easter season to beautiful Mesa Temple and to enjoy beautiful desert flowers at their best.

● Claremont ward may see their chapel begun in the Spring of '49, it was announced at the Leadership meeting, November 28. Word comes that the ward will be forced to vacate their present chapel on the first of Jenuary. Where to go is causing some anxiety. Hence the need for speed in starting their chapel. Plans are already approved from Salt Lake City and ready to go under the direction of Brother Ruegg, the architect.

● Louise Knight and her counsellors, Vera Mayhew and Thelma Merrill, in the stake Relief Society were released with a vote of thanks for a wonderful administration. Vera H. Mayhew was sustained the new president with Maybelle Anderson and Ellen Haddock counsellors, and Mrs. Norman Creer, secretary. The sewing budget will be assigned the wards Sunday, December 15. Sister Knight will continue until the first of January.

● Willard E. Ellis was sustained as member of the stake High Council. There are about 400 inactive adult Aaronic members in the ward. They generally need but a little urging, it was stated, to get them going again. What great satisfaction and joy to be the one to thus help some one to step forward.

## *Dimond Ward*

**December is a good time to open up our hearts and homes and enjoy the company of friends and loved ones. Let's make this a gay and happy Yuletide Season.**

**The Road Show was a great suecess. Much credit goes to Bill Powell, the new Stake Activity Counselor and Dimond Ward member, for the excellent numbers between acts. November 16 was the Junior Rose Festival. The girls were lovely and their various skits were enjoyed by everyone. A lovely Thanksgiving luncheon was enjoyed by all the ladies of the Relief Society November 23. Dona Pearce was in charge.**

**Our dear President Hilton celebrated his birthday in November. Dinner with all the family was the highlight of the day. May you enjoy many, many more.**

**Our sympathy goes to Preston Jackson, who has gone to Utah for his father's funeral.**

**Our "congrats" to Lois and Alden Cook, Ruth and Willey Hooper and Elodea and Gerald Goss on the new arrivals. Best wishes to you all.**

**We are sorry to hear of the serious accident of Charles Maurer. Also the illness of Warren Berg. Our prayers are with you both for a speedy recovery.**

**After nine long years' absence it was a happy day for Bro. and Sis. McKaig when their son from Reno visited with them.**

**Barlow Call has received a call to the Netherland mission, sailing date is February 5. Every blessing on Barlow.**

**We will miss Ona Price who has moved to Sacramento; Herb and Alice Anderson, who have moved to Washington because of business; and Edna and Karl Berklund, who have moved to Stockton for business reasons. It is hard on the Primary to lose so many teachers.**

**Dates to remember: Mondey, December 20. Old Saint Nick will visit the children at a party under the direction of the Primary. December 21 is the Ward Christmas party and December 25 is Stake M Men and Gleaner night.**

**Best wishes for a Merry Christman and a Happy New Year.—Stella S. Hoopes.**


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## Oak. Stake News

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power we have available we can meet these welfare needs if we'll work together.

It was announced that harvesting of the beets on the welfare farm had been completed and the committee is now planning next year's crops.

One cash crop already selected is garlic, an acre of which is now being planted on the farm. Directions for planting, and where to plant are posted on the back porch of the house for those who may be able to go out to the farm. Persons with agricultural experience are especially urged to use their talents to help the Stake agricultural committee plan farm production.

Work on the cannery is progressing; immediate help is requested to move the flooring upstairs so that it would be kept under the roof, in case of rain. Although most of the help now needed on the cannery is specialized help, any persons interested in supporting this work project can contact their own ward work directors, or Stake Counselor Delbert Wright.

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**STAKE LEADERSHIP MIA**

Work with vision was keynote of an Oakland Stake MIA leaders' meeting November 21.

Work without vision is drudgery; vision without work is daydreaming; but Work with Vision is Destiny, quoted Darrell Monson, Stake MIA superintendent, who urged ward and stake leaders to take a few minutes a day to think up new ideas, new plans, new methods, new angles; and new ways of bringing new hands into helping with the tasks.

Some excellent Improvement Era advertising also marked the meeting, and stressed the value of an Improvement Era subscription as a Christmas gift. Rhea Gustaveson, Young Women's president, presided over the meeting.

In announcing completion of the Stake Road Show and complimenting especially Alameda and San Leandro wards, Stake leaders advised that wards will have plenty of time to plan next year's participation because the date is now set for the next Road Show in November of 1949.

It is repeated, in the interest of clearness, that the Harvest Ball will continue in the future as an interstake event. However, the Gold and Green balls will not be interstake affairs but will be only stake balls within each stake.

The Christmas stake dance is sponsored by the M Men and Gleaners. The San Francisco M Men and Gleaners will be special guests. All other stakes also cordially invited to attend.

The New Year's eve will feature two orchestra dances, one for the Special Interest group at Alameda ward's new amusement hall, with supper on the smorgasboard style and entertainment, the other for the younger set and held at Elmhurst amusement hall with lots of special fun for everyone.

No leadership meeting will be held in Oakland stake in December.

Friday, December 10. Party and dance in Hayward hall sponsored by the special interest group of the stake for all the stakes. Elmer Clark is stake Special Interest supervisor, and Sister Wilson, secretary.


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## LDS Instructor University of Calif.

Perhaps few of the local colony know that Darrell Monson, president of Oakland stake YMMIA board and talented leader in singing groups, is also an instructor in the department of Electrical Engineering at the University of California.

The editor didn't know this until the other day we phoned his home and were told that we could contact him at the radio laboratory on the campus. From Darrell came the following information:

He has been on the full time staff at the University since February, 1947, as a lecturer in the field mentioned. Currently he is also conducting research on the electronic digital computer at the University. We learned from Brother Monson that these computers are elaborate electronic calculating machines that usually weigh hundreds of tons. They reduce the time and personnel requirements in large statistical calculation.

An illustration of this saving of time is in the computations of the trajectory of projectiles, meaning the course of projectiles fired from our huge army and navy guns. A time of one day is required for a typical set of answers when one of these electronic computers is used, whereas by ordinary methods a staff of 25 trained mathematicians would require three months for the same set of answers.

Darrell Monson took his B.S. at the University of Utah in 1943, holding a fellowship in physics 1942-43. He thn did graduate study at Purdue University 1946. However, 1943-44 he was an instructor at the University of Utah, and 1944-45 he did research in government aircraft instrumentation. Further degrees will follow.


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## *Martinez Ward*

**If anyone has news of interest to Martinez Ward and the Stake, please notify Fern Mosier, Martinez Ward reporter.**

**Congratulations are extended to Stan Dahlin, Sr., for being called as a Stake Missionary. His message on the missionary program, Nov. 28, was on his personal desire to speak the truth: "a man must be honest in heart, and have a desire to search for the truth, before it can be taught to him. We have the truth from God to man, to give to the people for their greatest happiness and progress.**

**The inspiring remarks of Werner Vom Dorp were: "If one has a testimony, it matters not whether he knows the Bible or Book of Mormon. When the spirit of God gives one a testimony, it is a revelation from God." His subject was on Israel and the Lost Ten Tribes. Where are they? Nobody knows! Why are they lost? They strayed away from the commandments of their Heavenly Father and thus became lost in the North Countries.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 23, Marie Barber lectured on the Meaning and Importance of Political Doctrines; enlarging upon the fundamentals of a good government. A limited power of government includes such as the Bill of Rights. The right of religious freedom limits powers of the government. A limited power of government helps man keep his free agency. We can have a good government, by keeping good men at the head of our nation, state and counties, by studying the lives of these men, and attending city council meetings; and by raising our children to become good American citizens.**

**Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., November 30, was a day for social activity. Pot luck lunch. Rhoda Jennings lead the group in textile painting and weaving. A choice of other craft work was making dress forms and ming trees.**

**Get your tickets early for December 11. The Relief Society Carnival is sponsoring a 6:00 p.m. turkey dinner and bazaar. Each auxiliary will be represented by a special booth, including a fish pond for the children. This is to be a family affair; so, welcome ALL! The proceeds will go to the Relief Society building fund.**

**Andy Easton rode home with friends from BYU, Provo, Utah, for a Thanksgiving dinner with his parents, the Andy Eastons.**

**Natalie Sant is visiting a few days in Salt Lake with her daughter, Jeanne and husband, the Durland Carneys; and getting better acquainted with her new grandson, Michael.**

**Dan Drumiler is enjoying a visit with his parents Brother and Sister Elbert Drumiler, from Ogden, Utah. Dan's wife Jean and children visited with her family in Salt Lake, the week following Thanksgiving.**


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### Berkeley Stake Calendar

Dec. 10-11: Stake MIA Plays—Friday and Saturday.

Dec. 12, Sun.: Stake Leadership Meeting, MIA, at Vallejo chapel, 2:30 p.m.

Dec. 17, Fri.: Stake Behive Party—Berkeley Recreation hall.

Dec. 25, Fri.: M Men-Gleaner Christmas Party, Berkeley.

Dec. 28,/ Tue.: Jr. M Men-Jr. Girls' Holiday Party.


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## Berkeley Stake Conference

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from you. Do you tell your dad that you love him?

"If dads seem cold and cross at times, remember that dads are sometimes worried. Tell your dad that you love him. You will make mistakes in life but we dads will forgive you. Share your mistakes with your dad, and he'll love and help you. Both of my parents are now dead. I wish I could take both of them in my arms and tell them how much I love them. I didn't do it enough when I had them.

"If parents don't give you everything you want, don't sulk. Parents have inspiration to guide their children. I hope every boy and girl can discuss their problems—all their problems, their sorrows, and mistakes with their parents. It's a mistake to keep our sorrows and troubles within us where they eat our souls. Talk them out right away with your loved parents. And remember to talk to the Lord also."

Bishop Issacson, "I hope you never think, 'I wonder whether I can afford this mission.' I remember a young girl who was called on a mission. She had money for only three or four months, but she said she would go; she went and things moved so as to keep her for full mission. Stay close to the things we ought to do. Wives, help your husbands do the things in the line of their Church duties, and you will be blessed in your families."

There were 846 at the morning session of the Berkeley stake conference. This was 16.7 per cent of the membership which includes children eight years of age and up. These 16 per cent have the duty to carry the message to those who failed to attend. "When did you last tell your bishopric or stake presidency that you appreciate their labors," asked Bishop Isaacson.

Tithing is not a burden. It's an opportunity to prosper in means and in largeness of spirit. We often simply lack the faith to obey and trust the Lord. So with the fast, and its offerings. So with keeping the Sabbath. Keep the commandments, win the blessings in a fulness of joy and aliveness."

"Women's greatest responsibility is to be an inspiration to men and to children. We are in different circumstances than the pioneers. Then youth matured biologically and economically at the same time. Today it is different. It is not smart to dela marriage, to bow to false standards of living. Perhaps in some cases it may pay for parents to help finance the early marriage of young people," said Dr. Ranker at the stake conference.

"These are two most important things: Christ exists and we are really the sons and daughters of God."

## Halloween Party In Elmhurst Chapel

Oakland Stake's Halloween party, October 29, 1948, held at Elmhurst ward chapel, was a gala affair enjoyed by over 250 enthusitsts. Shown in picture, left to right: Wilma Wilkinson, M. C. Laird, Explorer leader, Joyce Briscoe, Gleaner leader; and Calvin Kuhre, State MIA secretary. —Photo by Roy W. Piercey.

## Stop and Think

BY CALVIN SIMONS.

Are we attending weekly Sacrament meetings regularly? Do we realize the importance of partaking of the sacrament; that we are renewing the Covenants or promises we made in the waters of baptism, with a desire to live as the Savior taught us to live, in humbleness, kindiness, forgiveness, and a love for our fellowman, and to keep our minds and hearts pure and unspotted from the world?

Do we realize with each sacrament service we renew these Covenants, and by obedience may be strengthened in these latter days and during these troublesome times? Do we remember the promise that only the pure in heart shall see God?

Let us stop to consider these truths and so live, that the blessings of Heaven shall be poured out upon us, as promised, if we keep the commandments.

Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve Him with all your heart, might and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day; Doc. & Cov. 4:2.—Fern Mosier, Martinez.


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# Inter-Mountain News Excerpts

**SMART PEOPLE**

According to Professor Edward L. Thorndike, Columbia university psychologist, the State of Utah rates first in producing the most smart people per one million population.

Massachusetts rates second in all the states of the union. The Thorndike ratings were based on listings in such publications as "Who's Who in America"—"Leaders in Education"—"American Men of Science."

**GENEALOGICAL MICROFILMS MADE TO LAST**

Microfilm records processed in the ultramodern new labratory of the Genealogical Society of the church conceivably should outlast Egyptian papyrus which is still good at 2100 years of age.

This opinion was expressed November 18 by R. Paul Ireland, Chicago, physicist and founder of Engineering Development Laboratories, manufacturers of the Genealogical Society's new film processing machine.

Ireland described the installation done in Salt Lake under direction of Allen P. Terry of the Church building committee and Roy Holton, technician in charge of the laboratory, as the finest he has seen.

"Your installation," he said, "is unique in the extraordinary precautions to insure permanency of the completed film record. Ordinary motion picture film lasts about 20 years. Because of the extra hardening bath, two separate hypo baths and thorough washing to remove all traces of silver or hypo salts, your films should last indefinitely."

**GIFT**

By now, most of you readers know of the generosity of Pres. and Mrs. A. Merlin Steed, who last month donated an art collection valued at $100,000 to Springville, Utah. The Steeds reside in Glendale and Merlin was recently released from the San Fernando stake presidency

We were interested in a recent appraisal of the "Steed Memorial" by the famous Utah artist Dr. Avard T. Fairbanks, dean of the college of fine arts at the U. of U. Said Dr. Fairbanks:

# Oakland Ward Dance Orchestra

Dance orchestra, Oakland ward members, at the Oakland Stake Road Show, Friday, November 12, 1948, presented concurrently at Elmhurst and Oakland ward chapel. Shown left to right: Miriam Weller, Marvin Alexander, Gene Earl, Lois Stock, Dorothy McGuire, and Norvil Alexander. —Photo by Roy W. Piercey.

# Road Show

Al Dye and girl, Margo Robinson.

# Oakland Ward

Yes, they're engaged: Robert Bundy and Janet Smith have become engaged. Bob, in the army air corps at present in Louisiana, was home on leave for ten days over Thanksgiving and gave Janet her sparkler. When you ask her about their plans for the future, she just smiles and says, "We'll wait and see." We extend to them our heartiest congratulations.

Joyce Kingsford, daughter of Ed and Doris Kingsford, has joined the engaged group also with Sandy Burk. Joyce and Sandy are planning for their day early on the New Year schedule. Lots of luck, kids.

Oakland ward babies:

Izobel and Louis Johnson became the proud parents of a baby boy on November 22, weighing in at 5 pounds and with the name, Lester Allen. Mother and baby are doing fine; all wish them joy with their new little one.

Ione and Bert Weeble also are spreading the news of their new baby boy, born on November 23, weighing in at seven pounds, fourteen and one-half ounces, and with the name of Michael. Mother and baby are doing fine here, and we wish this family happiness with their new bundle of joy.

Remember the missionaries for Christmas: It was announced that any donation would be greatly appreciated to our ward clerk, in order that our missionaries may be remembered at Christmas time.

We extend our speedy get-well wishes to Sister Schunaman who was operated on at the Merit hospital.

The Relief Society held their annual Bazaar December 7. It was a great success and everyone attending had fun and benefit.

BASKETBALL: The season is here, the boys are willing to play! Now let us all be willing to give them our support at each of their games every Wednesday night at Westlake Junior High School. Get your gang together and yell for Oakland!

May you all have a very Merry Christmas!—Bernadine Adams, 465 23rd Street, Oakland 12, California.

greatly and were encouraged in the work. Such meetings can't help but make us determined to do everything possible to see our ward and its auxiliary organizations progress and grow.

Our Aaronic priesthood group furnished music for the evening meeting under the direction of Bro. Russell Shurtliff and are to be highly commended. Their music was splendid.

This ward is now operating on a budget plan. The bishopric asks that the budget payments be made as soon as possible, since expenses go on and on.

The San Leandro ward was pleased to share top honors in the recent Road Show with Alameda ward. It is fun to participate in such activities. Let's begin now to give some thought to an idea for next year.

Our Boy Scout troop is giving thought to their next summer season. Did you know they are selling the delicious Bonner dried fruits again this year? If you've tried the fruit you'll want more. If you haven't tried it, you most certainly should. Place you order with any of the Scouts.

Our best wishes are extended Helen Anderson, daughter of Bro. and Sister Clay Anderson, who was recently married to David Anderson of San Leandro. Congratulations to the young couple.

Congratulations are also in order for Bro. and Sister Sam Eccles on the addition of a baby boy to their family. Welcome, Baby Eccles.

The Christmas season is fast approaching and with it the Relief Society Singing Mothers of the ward are preparing another Sunday evening Christmas program for December 19. This year they will feature Margaret Sangster's story of "The Anniversary." By sharing with us in the Christmas service, you will greatly enrich your own holiday season.

# Napa Ward News

Conferences held the spotlight in the events for November in Napa ward. Relief Society started out on November 7th with an outstanding conference. Sister Almeda Nielson was our Stake Board visitor.

November 14th, a large number of Napa members attended the Stake conference and enjoyed the spiritual feast there with Bro. Isaacson. The following week an inspirational ward conference was held. We had excellent attendance; the 5:30 meeting of officers and teachers will long be remembered as a wonderful testimony meeting. We were honored by the presence of Paul Summerhays and Joseph Eyring, both of the H. C.

Congratulations are in order for Bro. and Sister Roy Stubbs on the birth of their first son. They have three lovely daughters. We all rejoice with them and are happy to have them in our ward.

We are sorry to have Bro. and Sister Knowlton's son, Dickie, in the Permanente hospital but wish him a speedy recovery. It was a thrill to see Dennis Ichtertz attend his first Scout meeting since his serious accident. Good luck, Denny.

The Genealogy committee are planning the sacrament meeting for January 2. They are happy to announce that Bro. Isaac B. Ball will be their speaker. We are all looking forward to hearing Bro. Ball again in our ward.

The Relief Society bazaar was held on the 19th. A good crowd attended and had their supper there, after the program. Bro. Alden Blaisdell from Fairfield offered several vocal solos and the Pinkerton sisters, Dorothy and Bonnie, presented some Hawaiian dances. Our own Carol Kucek played her electric guitar and Nancy Soper gave one of her humorous readings. All had a good time. Bro. Rex L. Bridges was wished a "Happy Birthday" and honored during the evening.

The Primary held a belated graduation program last Sunday evening. Earl Grosshart gave an inspirational talk, "What Primary Meant to Me."

—Catherine J. Woolley

# Vallejo Ward News

Friends of Miles and Dora Johnson will be happy to hear that they are now serving as missionaries in England, the birthplace of Mrs. Johnson. Prior to going on their mission they resided in Vallejo where they contributed much to the success of our ward. From here they moved to Salt Lake. A farewell testimonial was given in their honor at McKay Ward Chapel in that city, on October 10. They sailed from New York October 27, aboard the S. S. Mauretainia. We wish them success and happiness in their new undertaking.

Frances Henderson and Clista Knight were hostesses to the Primary teachers' training party on November 29 at the latter's home. An unusually fine lesson was presented by Mary Hardison of the Carquinez Ward after which an evening of sociability and a luncheon was served.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 19 and their committeemen entertained the Mutual members at a party on November 30. Refreshments were sold and dancing was enjoyed. An unusual feature was the magician act given by William Dewall. Awards were presented by Henry Neerings to Asst. Scoutmaster Fred Stephens, Committeemen Neal Hansen, Robert Allison, Sr., and Cary Amsbaugh, also to the International Representative, Glen Zundell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Swickard and family, former Vallejo residents now of Yreka, California, enjoyed visiting old friends over the Thanksgiving week end.

Mrs. E. Z. Taylor is home from a Berkeley hospital where she has been very ill. We hope her convalescense will be a speedy one.

Mrs. Bessie Lee, second counselor in the Young Ladies' Mutual is now recovering at her home from a recent operation.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coleman who were called to Oregon recently because of the death of Mrs. Coleman's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Knight and daughter, Carol, enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday visiting relatives in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Newman enjoyed Thanksgiving with relatives in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mathews and daughters motored to San Jose on Sunday after the holiday to enjoy a belated dinner with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hamblin are proud to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Carla Jean, on November 19.

Plans are being made by the Primary and Sunday school organizations for their annual Christmas party to be held December 20.

The MIA is planning a gala dance for New Year's eve.

—LaRue Powell, Phone 2-4176.

# San Leandro Ward

We enjoyed an inspiring ward conference on November 21. Attendance was good and all who were present benefitted

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# Tributes to Christ, The Saviour of Mankind

**By DIDEROT.**

In one of those evening parties of Baron d'Holbach, where the most celebrated infidels of the century used to assemble, the conversation turned freely, and in the most amusing manner, on the supposed absurdities, stupidities, and all kind of inconsistencies, of the Sacred Scriptures. The philosopher, Diderot, who had taken no small part in the conversation, brought it suddenly to a close by the following remark:

"For a wonder, gentlemen, for a wonder, I know nobody, either in France or anywhere else, who could write and speak with more art and talent. Notwithstanding all the bad which we have said, and no doubt with good reason, of this devil of a book, I defy you all —as many as are here—to prepare a tale so simple, and at the same time so sublime and so touching, as the tale of the passion and death of Jesus Christ: which produces the same effect, which makes a sensation as strong and as generally felt, and whose influence will be the same after so many centuries."

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**By CARLYLE.**

We understand ourselves to be risking no new assertion, but simply repeating what is already the conviction of the greatest in our age, when we say that cheerfully recognizing, gratefully appropriating, whatever Voltaire has proved or any other man has proved or shall prove, the Christian religion, once here, cannot again pass away; that in one form or other it will endure through all time. . . .

Were the memory of this faith never so obscured, as indeed in every age the coarse passions and perceptions of the world do all but obliterate it in the hearts of most, yet in every pure soul, in every poet and wise man, it finds a new missionary, a new martyr, till the great volume of universal history is finally closed, and man's destinies are fulfilled on this earth. It is a height to which the human species were fated and enabled to attain, from which, having once attained it, they can never retrograde.

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**By GOETHE.**

There is in the four Gospels, which are thoroughly genuine, the reflection of a greatness which emanated from the person of Jesus, and which was of as divine a kind as ever was seen upon earth. If I am asked whether it is in my nature to pay Him devout reverence, I say—certainly! I bow before Him as the divine manifestation of the highest principle of morality.

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**By MAZZINI.**

He came—the soul the most full of love, the most sacredly virtuous, the most deeply inspired by God and by the future, that men have yet seen on earth—Jesus. He bent over the corpse of the dead world and whispered a word of faith. Over the clay that had lost all of man but the movement and the form, He uttered words until then unknown, love, sacrifice, a heavenly origin. And the dead arose. A new life circulated through the clay which philosophy had in vain tried to reanimate. From that corpse arose the Christian world, the world of liberty and equality. From that clay arose the true Man, the image of God, the precursor of humanity.

Christ expired. All He had asked of mankind wherewith to save them, says Lamennais, was a Cross whereon to die. But ere He died, He had announced the glad tidings to the people; to those who asked of Him whence He had received it, He answered, "From God the Father." From the height of His Cross, He had invoked Him twice. Therefore upon the Cross did His victory begin and still does it endure.

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**By R. L. STEVENSON.**

Now, every now and then, and indeed surprisingly often, Christ finds a word that transcends all commonplace morality; every now and then He quits the beaten track to pioneer the unexpressed, and throws out a pregnant and magnanimous hyperbole, for it is only by some bold poetry of thought that men can be strung up above the level of everyday conceptions to take a broader look upon experience or accept some higher principle of conduct. To a man who is of the same mind that was in Christ, who stands at some centre not too far from His, and looks at the world and conduct from some not dissimilar or, at least, not opposing attitude—or, shortly, to a man who is of Christ's philosophy — every such saying should come home with a thrill of joy and corroboration; he should feel each one below his feet as another sure foundation in the flux of time and chance; each should be another proof that in the torrent of the years and generation, where doctrines and great armaments and empires are swept away and swallowed, He stands immovable, holding by the eternal stars.

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**By DOSTOEVSKY.**

I believe there is nothing lovelier, deeper, more sympathetic and more perfect than the Saviour; I say to myself with pealous love that not only there is no one else like Him, but that there could be no one. I would say even more. If anyone could prove to me that Christ is outside the truth, and if the truth really did exclude Christ, I should prefer to stay with Christ and not with truth. There is in the world only one figure of absolute beauty: Christ. That infinitely lovely figure is as a matter of course an infinite marvel.

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**By HENRY VAN DYKE.**

Never in a costly palace did I rest
on golden bed,
Never in a hermit's carvern have
I eaten idle bread.
Born within a lowly stable where
the cattle round Me stood,
Trained a carpenter of Nazareth,
I have toiled and found it good.
They who tread the path of labour
follow where My feet have trod;
They who work without complaining do the Holy will of God.
Where the many toil together,
there am I among My own;
When the tired workman sleepeth, there am I with him alone.
I, the Peace that passeth knowledge, dwell amid the daily
strife,
I, the Bread of Heaven, am broken in the sacrament of life.

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**By RUSKIN.**

I suppose there is no event in the whole life of Christ to which, in hours of doubt or fear, men turn with more anxious thirst to know the close fact of it, or with more earnest and passionate dwelling upon every syllable of its recorded narrative, than Christ's showing Himself to His disciples at the Lake of Galilee. There is something preeminently open, natural, full fronting your disbelief, in this manifestation. The others, recorded after the Resurrection, were sudden, phantom-like, occuring to men in profound sorrow and weried agitation of heart; not, it might seem, safe judges of what they saw.

But the agitation was now over. They had gone back to their daily work, thinking still their business lay net-wards, unmeshed from the literal rope and drag. "Simon Peter saith unto them I go afishing. They say unto him, we also go with thee." True words enough, and having far echo beyond those Galilean hills.

That night they caught nothing; but when the morning came, in the clear light of it, behold! a figure stood on the shore. They were not thinking of anything but their fruitless hauls. They had no guess who it was. It asked them simply if they had caught anything. They say, No; and it tells them to cast again.

....And John shades his eyes from the morning sun with his hands to look who it is; and though the glistening of the sea, too, dazzles him, he makes out who it is at last; and poor Simon, not to be outrun this time, tightens his fisher's coat about him, and dashes in over the nets. One would have liked to see him swim those hundred yards, and stagger to his knees upon the beach.

Well, the others get to the beach, too, in time, in such slow way as men in general do get in this world to its true shore, much impeded by that wonderful 'dragging the net with fishes,' but they get there—seven of them in all; first the Denier, and then the slowest believer, and then the quickest believer and then the two throne-seekers, and two more, we know not who.

They sit down on the shore, face to face with Him, and eat their broiled fish as He bids. And then to Peter, all dripping still, shivering, and amazed, staring at Christ in the sun, on the other side of the coal-fire—thinking a little perhaps of what happened by another coal-fire, when it was colder, and having had no word changed with him by His Master since that look of His—to him so amazed, comes the question, "Simon, lovest thou Me?" try to feel that a little; and think of it till it is true to you.

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**By JOHN STUART MILL.**

Whatever else may be taken away from us by rational criticism, Christ is still left; a unique figure, not more unlike all His precursors than all His followers, even those who had the direct benefit of His personal teaching.

It is of no use to say that Christ as exhibited in the Gospels is not historical, and that we know not how much of what is admirable has been superadded by the tradition of His followers. The tradition of followers suffices to insert any number of marvels, and may have inserted all the miracles which he is reputed to have wrought.

But who among His followers, or among their proselytes, was capable of inventing the sayings ascribed to Jesus, or of imagining the life and character revealed in the Gospels?

Certainly not St. Paul, whose character and idiosyncrasies were of totally different sort, still less the early Christian writers, in whom nothing is more evident than that the good which was in them was all derived, as they always professed that it was derived, from the higher source.

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**By COLERAGE.**

Christianity is not a theory, or a speculation, but a life: not a philosophy of life, but a life, and a living process. It has been eighteen hundred years in existence; and has one individual left a record like the following? "I tried it, and it did not answer. I made the experiment faithfully, according to the directions; and the result has been a conviction of my own credulity."

If neither your own experience nor the history of almost two thousand years has presented a single testimony to this purport and if you have read and heard of many who have lived and died bearing witness to the contrary and if you have yourself met with some one in whom on any other point you would place unqualified trust, who has on his own experience made report to you that He is faithful, who promised, and what He promised He has proved Himself able to perform, is it bigotry, if I fear that the unbelief which prejudges and prevents the experiment, has it source elsewhere than in the uncorrupted judgment? that not the strong, free mind but the enslaved will is the true original infidel in this instance?

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**By ROUSSEAU.**

I will confess to you, that the majesty of the Scriptures strikes me with admiration, as the purity of the gospel has its influence on my heart. Peruse the words of our philosophers, (with all their pomp of diction, how mena, how contemptible are they, compared with the Scriptures! Is it possible that a book, at once so simple and so sublime, should be merely the work of man?

Do we find that He assumed the tone of an enthusiast or ambitious sectary? What sweetness, what purity in his manner; What an affecting gracefulness in His instructions! What sublimity in His maxims. What profound wisdom in His discourses! What presence of mind, what sublety, what fitness in His replies!

How great the command over His passions! Where is the man, where the philosopher, who could so live and so die, without weakness, and without ostentation?

When Plato describes his imaginary righteous man, loaded with all the punishments of guilt, yet meriting the highest rewards of virtue, he describes exactly the character of Jesus Christ: the resemblance is so striking that all the Church Fathers perceived it.

Socrates, dying without pain or ignominy, easily supported his character to the last, and, if this easy death had not crowned his life, it might have been doubted whether Socrates, with all his wisdom, was anything more than a mere sophist. He invented, it is said, the theory of ethics. Others, however, had before put them into practice: he had only to say, therefore, what hey had done, and to reduce their examples to precepts.

But where could Jesus learn, among his contemporaries, that pure and sublime morality of which he only had given us both precept and example? The greatest wisdom was made known among the most bigoted fanatism: and the simplicity of the most heroic virtues did honour to the vilest people on earth.

The death of Socrates, peacefully philosophising among friends, appears the most agreeable that one could wish: that of Jesus, expiring in agonies, abused, insulted and accused by a whole nation, is the most horrible that one could fear. Socrates, indeed, in receiving the cup of poison, blessed the weeping executioner who administered it; but Jesus, amidst excruciating tortures, prayed for his merciless tormentors.

"Yes, if the life and death of Socrates were those of a sage, the life of Jesus are those of a God."

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**By J. A. FRANCIS.**

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, child of a peasant woman. He grew up in an other obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself, He had nothing to do with in this world except the naked power of his divine manhood.

"While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. Another betrayed Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon the cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying, and that was his coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today, He is the center of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has this one soiltary life."

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**By JOSEPH PARKER.**

Man needs Jesus Christ as a necessity and not as a luxury. You may be pleased to have flowers, but you must have bread. . . . Jesus is not a phenomenon, He is bread; Christ is not a curiosity, He is water. As surely as we cannot live without bread we cannot live truly without Christ; if we know not Christ we are not living, our movement is a mechanical flutter, our pulse is but the stirring of an animal life.

It is in this way, then ,that Jesus Christ is to be preached. It is even so I would preach Him now. I would speak of Him as the true bread sent down from heaven; I would tell men that it is impossible to live without Him; I would say, with heightening passion, with glowing and ineffable love, that He only, even the holy Christ of God, can satisfy the hunger and the thirst of the soul of man.

In this way I claim a distinct vocation as a preacher. I am not one amongst many who try to do the world good; as a Christian preacher, or a preacher of Christ, I offer the ONLY thing that can vitally and sufficiently touch the world's needs.

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**By BROWNING.**

I say, the acknowledgment of God in Christ accepted by thy reason, solves for thee, all questions in the earth an dout of it.

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**By CARLYLE.**

Our divinest symbol. Higher has the human thought not yet reached. A symbol of quite perennial, infinite character; whose significance will ever demand to be anew inquired into, and anew made manifest.

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**By CHANNING.**

This Jesus lived with men; with the consciousness of unutterable majesty, he joined a lowliness, gentleness, humanity, and sympathy which gave no example in human history. I ask you to contemplate this wonderful union. In proportion to the superiority of Jesus to all around him, was the intimacy, the brotherly love, with which he bound himself to them.

I maintain that this is a **character wholly remote from human conception.** To imagine it to be the production of imposture or enthusiasm, shows a strange unsoundness of mind. I contemplate it with a veneration second only to the profound awe with which I look upon God. It bears no mark of human invention. It was real. It belonged to, and it manifested, the beloved Son of God . . .

**The Gospels must be true: they were drawn from a living original; they were founded on reality.** The character of Jesus is not a fiction: **he was what he claimed to be, and what his followers attested.** Nor is this all. Jesus not only **was, he is still, the Son of of God, the Saviour, of the world.** He exists now: he has entered that heaven to which he always looked forward on earth. There He lives and reigns.

With a clear, calm faith, I see him in that state of glory; and I confidently expect, at no distant period, to see Him face to face. We have, indeed, no absent friend whom we shall so surely meet. Let us, then, my hearers, by imitation of his virtues and obedience to his word, prepare ourselves to join Him in those pure mansions, where he is surrounding himself with the good and pure of our race and will communicate to them forever His own spirit, power, and joy.

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**By CHARLES DICKENS.**

Charles Dickens wrote in a letter to his youngest boy, when leaving home to join his brother in Australia, ". . . I put a New Testament among your books for the very same reasons, and with the very same hopes, that made me write an easy account of it for you, when you were a little child. Because it is the best book that ever was, or will be, known in the world; and because it teaches you the best lessons by which any human creature, who tries to be truthful and faithful to duty, can possibly be guided.

As your brothers have gone away, one by one, I have written to each such words as I am now writing to you, and have entreated them all to guide themselves by this Book, putting aside the interpretations and inventions of Man. . . . You will therefore understand the better that I now most solemnly impress upon you the truth and beauty of the Christian Religion, as it came from Christ Himself, and the impossibility of your going far wrong if you humbly but heartily respct it."

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**By NAPOLEON.**

I know men; and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man. Superficial minds see a resemblance between Christ and the founders of empires, and the gods of other religions. That resemblance does not exist. There is between Christianity and whatever other religions the distance of infinity. . . .

Everything in Christ astonishes me. His spirit overawes me, and his will confounds me. Between Him and whoever else in the world there is no possible term of comparison. He is truly a being by himself. His ideas and his sentiments, the truth which he announces, His manner of convincing, are not explained by human organization or by the nature of things.

The nearer I approach, the more carefully I examine, everything is above me; everythingf remains grand,—of a grandeur which overpowers. His religion is a revelation from an intelligence which certainly is not that of man. There is a profound originality which has created a series of words and of maxims before unknown. Jesus borrowed nothing from our science. One can absolutely find nowhere, but in Him alone, the imitation or the example of his life. . . . I search in vain in history to find the similar to Jesus Christ, or anything which can approach the gospel. Neither history, not humanity, nor the ages, nor nature, can explain it. Here everything is extraordinary. The more I consider the gospel, the more I am assured that there is nothing there which is not beyond the march of events, and above the human mind.